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Mr. George N. Dorn, Jr.  
Interim Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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Re: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Provide In-Region  
InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications  
Act of 1996  
Docket No. 2001-209-C

Dear Mr. Dorn:

After BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed its letter withdrawing its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT"), US LEC of South Carolina ("US LEC"), the South Eastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA"), and the Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ("CompSouth") filed petitions seeking intervention. On September 10, 2004, you issued a notice establishing a schedule for the pre-filing of testimony in this proceeding.

BellSouth, US LEC, SECCA, and CompSouth all believe that the issues in this proceeding are legal, rather than factual, in nature, and these parties are working to create a stipulation of material facts for submission in this proceeding. Such a stipulation would, at a minimum, significantly narrow the factual issues the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") would have to determine in this proceeding, and it may even eliminate the need for the parties to present any testimony in this proceeding, thus allowing the Commission to determine the issues presented as a matter of law.

Toward that end, these parties have agreed to the following revised schedule for the submission of testimony in the event that these parties are unable to reach a stipulation that eliminates the need to present testimony in this proceeding:

1. BellSouth's prefiled testimony is due Tuesday, October 5, 2004;

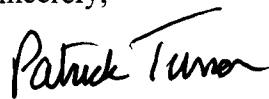
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2. Commission Staff's and other parties' prefiled testimony is due Friday, October 15, 2004;
3. Rebuttal testimony is due Thursday, October 21, 2004 (per the original schedule); and
4. Surrebuttal testimony is due Monday, October 25 (per the original schedule).

In the meantime, these parties will work diligently to create a stipulation of material facts that will eliminate the need to present testimony in this proceeding. When such a stipulation is reached, these parties will inform you of the stipulation and propose a schedule for presenting this matter to the Commission for a decision as a matter of law.

If for any reason this proposal is unacceptable, please let me know immediately and I will immediately inform the other parties to this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick W. Turner

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cc: James E. Spearman, Ph.D>  
All Parties of Record  
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